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FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY DOHA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

AMEMBASSY SANA

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT BY POUCH

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KUWAIT POUCH BAGHDAD

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM SECSTATE WASHDC DATED FEBRUARY 14, 1976

SENT JIDDA, CAIRO, ATHENS, DHAHRAN IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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CAIRO PASS HAMMOND//ATHENS PASS RTDO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, SA, US

SUBJECT: BUILDING MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

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1. IN VIEW OF CONTINUING LOGISTICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

PROBLEMS WHICH MAKE IT INCREASINGLY UNLIKELY THAT BUILDING EXHIBITION CAN BE OPENED MAY 8-13 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAS RELUCTANTLY DECIDED EXHIBITION MUST BE POSTPONED. LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS INCLUDE PROMINENTLY SHIPPING UNCERTAINTIES AND EXTREME PORT CONGESTION. WE ALSO HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO RESOLVE ADEQUATELY PROBLEM OF HOUSING FOR EXHIBITOR PERSONNEL.

2. DECISION TO POSTPONE EXHIBITION TAKEN TO AVOID IMMINENT SUBSTANTIAL EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS BY USG AND BY EXHIBITORS IN SITUATION WHERE WE COULD NOT BE REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT EXHIBITION COULD OCCUR AS SCHEDULED.

3. YOU SHOULD INFORM SAG OF DECISION TO POSTPONE TRADE FAIR.

4. INFORM FLANAGAN OF FOREGOING AND TELL HIM HE WILL BE RECEIVING SEPARATE INSTRUCTIONS FROM COMMERCE FOR HIS RETURN. VITOUS TRAVEL HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

5. COMMERCE AND STATE DEEPLY APPRECIATE CONSIDERABLE EFFORT EMBASSY HAS PUT INTO THIS VENTURE AND KNOW YOU WILL SHARE OUR REGRET ON NEED TO PUT OFF EXHIBITION AT THIS TIME. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

NOTE BY OCT: POUCHED BEIRUT.

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